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ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2005 concerning the captioned patent application. By the attached petition for an extension of time, Applicants have extended the due date for this response until October 1, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely.

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